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TAGS: OVIP (ROCKEFELLER,NELSON A.)

SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA; RIYADH,
MARCH 27

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1. EMBASSY INFORMED BY USDEL RIYADH THAT ROYAL DIWAN
AND OTHER SAUDI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS APPEAR TO BE SUCCUMBING
TO PRESSURES OF VISITS BY APPROXIMATELY SEVENTEEN CHIEFS
OF STATE. DIWAN REQUESTS THAT ONLY VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER,
MR. ATHERTON, AND AMBASSADOR AKINS MAKE CALLS ON KING AND
CROWN PRINCE.

2. USDEL IS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE LOGISTICS TO EXTEND
POSSIBLE--INCLUDING VEHICLES--INDEPENDENTLY OF ROYAL
DIWAN. AT PRESENT WE BELIEVE BEST PLAN WOULD BE FOR
VICE PRESIDENT MOTORCADE TO PROCEED TO US MILITARY TRAINING
MISSION (TWO MINUTES FROM AIRPORT ON WAY TO PALACE).
MAJORITY OF PARTY WILL HOLD THERE WHILE ABOVE PRINCIPALS ONLY
PROCEED TO OFFICIAL FUNCTION OR FUNCTIONS. UPON ARRIVAL
IN RIYADH, AIRCRAFT WILL BE BROUGHT IN FRONT OF VIP
LOUNGE WHERE IT WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN FOR FIVE
MINUTES, AFTER WHICH IT WILL BE PARKED ELSEWHERE ON
AIRFIELD. THUS NO REPEAT NO HOT LINE WILL BE POSSIBLE.

3. RE PRESS, WE TENTATIVELY PROPOSE PRESS BUS GO DIRECTLY
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TO PLACE OF CEREMONIES, STAND BY UNTIL VICE PRESIDENT ARRIVES,

THEN BUS TO INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL WHERE THEY CAN FILE
(ONE ONLY TELEX SENDING UNIT AND TWO TAPE-PUNCHING UNITS
AVAILABLE; NO TELEPHONE). A BRIEFING OF PRESS BY
EMBOFF AT HOTEL IS POSSIBLE, FOLLOWED BY RETURN BY BUS
TO AIRCRAFT 45 MINUTES PRIOR TO VICE PRESIDENT'S EXPECTED
DEPARTURE.

4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS
AVAILABLE.
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